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# Family Day fun

JOSEPH BURD Special to The Times

Family Day is about spending time with those you love and these five friends had fun participating in the free skate at the Fort Erie Leisureplex on Monday afternoon. From left, are Trinity Bernier, Cece Nadeau, Isabella Daneyko, Adeline Willett, and Trinity Cuthbertson.

## Five measles cases in Niagara

Medical officer of health says public can expect to see more cases

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

We're now up to five confirmed cases of measles in Niagara.

Niagara Region Public Health held a press conference Saturday morning to let the public know that it received lab confirmation late Friday night that a 14-year-old female has the highly contagious illness. A link was identified with the first confirmed case involving a Niagara Falls woman in her 20s, which was confirmed on Feb. 4.

Three more cases were confirmed Sunday involving people under the age of 30. Those cases have also been linked to the first case.

"Measles is in Niagara and we expect to see more cases," said Dr. Valerie Jaeger, Niagara's medical officer of health. "Therefore, what is now important isn't really the details of each case, but rather that residents take the necessary precautions of having their measles vaccination up to date."

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# Get a taste of Crystal Beach

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, event organizers and supporters Julie Brady, Vickie Ellis, Heather Howkins, Phil Smith, Nick Brady, Carol McKay, and Goran Maljkovic invite the public to participate in the inaugural Taste of Crystal Beach and Scavenger Hunt on Feb. 28.

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Experience Crystal Beach like never before.

Chase away the winter blues and spend an afternoon filled with food, entertainment and fun during the inaugural Taste of Crystal Beach and Scavenger Hunt on Feb. 28.

"I was thinking business is fairly slow in the winter time and I was looking for something to bring people to Crystal Beach," said Singing Siren owner Heather Howkins. "We want to get people out and we want them to have some fun."

Participants will be given a list of questions they must answer while visiting the Singing Siren, the Crystal Chandalier, South Coast Cookhouse, and Sneakers to sample one of two menu options.

"With it being winter, we don't want people walking around in the cold," Howkins said.

A limousine, courtesy of Regional Limousine, will shuttle participants from restaurant to restaurant.

Registration for the event will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the scavenger hunt will be held between 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tickets are $40 per person and are available at all four restaurants.

Everyone who answers all of the corrections correctly will be entered into a draw for the grand prize.The grand prize is a $40 gift card to each participating restaurant. Participants are also eligible for other door prizes and goodie bags from Crystal Beach business owners.

Howkins said the goal of the Taste of Crystal Beach is to promote local business.

"A lot of people tell me they don't know a lot about the places to visit in Crystal Beach," Howkins said. "I also find new businesses in Crystal Beach I didn't know existed. But that's what it's all about, having some fun and creating awareness for what we have on our own door step."

For more information about the Taste of Crystal Beach and Scavenger Hunt call Howkins at 289-876-8464.

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# Stephen Passero joins byelection race

**Sarah Ferguson**
Fort Erie Times

Ward 2 residents will have four candidates to choose from when they vote in the March 30 byelection.

Rick Shular was elected during the municipal election last October to represent Ward 2 for a fourth term. He died on Dec. 29 and council was charged with the task of filling his seat.

Stephen Passero filed his nomination papers last Thursday afternoon at the town hall. Passero served as Ward 1 council for one term before he sought the mayor's seat in the municipal election. He was the runner-up, behind Mayor Wayne Redekop.

Passero said Ward 2 is a "critical and important district" within the Town of Fort Erie that deserves "an experienced representative" who has "demonstrated commitment to finding solutions to overcome (Fort Erie's) challenges."

"I am inspired and humbled by the number of people particularly those in Ward 2 who have encouraged me to put my name forward in this byelection," Passero said. "I am passionate about my hometown and I pledge my energy, my enthusiasm, and my experience. I would be honoured and privileged to serve our community again."

Passero's opponents include Larry Graber, George Jardine and John Mollicone.

Graber currently serves as president of the Fort Erie Kinsmen and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71.

Jardine sought election for Ward 6 during the last municipal election. He first ran for Fort Erie council in 1982 but he was defeated.He is one of the founding members of the Black Creek Association that began in 1977.

Mollicone was the only opponent for Shular in the municipal election. He received 508 votes while Shular won with 1,241 votes.

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# Town staff recommends funding state–of–the–art theatre

**Sarah Ferguson**
Fort Erie Times

Council was expected to deliberate a request to assist in funding a state-of-the-art theatre and shared library for Fort Erie's future high school.

The District School Board of Niagara asked the Town of Fort Erie to kick in $3.7 million to fund both projects, $3 million for the theatre and $650,000 for a shared library.

The DSBN has given the Town a deadline of this week to respond to the request.

In a report prepared for Tuesday night's council-in-committee meeting, staff recommended that council not provide any funds to build a shared library.

Town staff also recommended council agree to contribute $500,000 toward the construction of a theatre at the planned high school, with the DSBN also contributing $500,000.

The report with the staff's recommendations was released Tuesday, following an open forum held on Feb. 9 where more than 30 people gave their input on both projects.

The results of the council-in-committee meeting were not available before the Fort Erie Times went to press Tuesday afternoon.

According to the report, the Town's contribution would be spread out over the course of three years.

The first installment of $250,000 would be taken from the 2014 budget surplus.

The next two installments would be paid for with budget surplus generated over the course of 2015 and 2016.

Town staff recommended developing a fundraising strategy to generate the remaining $2 million to build the theatre through sponorship, private and public grants and other sources of revenue.

In the event of a funding shortfall, the report stated that the Town and DSBN will "contribute equally to the remaining balance."

The report also said the DSBN should be responsible for any building costs in excess of $3 million.

The school board will own the theatre and will be responsible for all operating costs. The report said students will have "priority use of the theatre" and the DSBN will be responsible for theatre rentals and will keep rental fees to maintain the facility.

The Town will be entitled to "utilize the theatre for Town events which include the inauguration of council, public meetings and award ceremonies free of charge." Non-profit organizations were expected to receive a preferred rental rate.

For more information about the council-in-committee meeting and council's decision visit www.forterietimes.ca.

The Ministry of Education has committed more than $20 million to build Greater Fort Erie Secondary School. The facility will accommodate up to 750 students and is set to open in September 2017 on Garrison Road, across from the Town Hall.

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# Doctor says five measles cases are linked

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She said public health is not prepared to release further details about the cases because "we know that measles is here and whether there's three cases, five cases, seven cases, what people need to do, before it's nine cases, is get vaccinated and up to date."

Jaeger said she finds it "more reassuring" that the five cases are linked.

"It's important that we have identified a connection between the people, in time and place. It's more reassuring than if we had a case here and a case there, and we were not able to connect them."

Public health officials said while a schedule of public reporting of confirmed cases is being implemented, they continue to investigate each case, do contact tracing and follow up directly with those who may have been exposed.

Future updates will be posted each Wednesday at www.niagararegion.ca/health

The number of new cases for the week and the total number of cases in Niagara will be reported.

Prior to these five cases, Niagara's last case of measles was in 1996.

During Saturday's press conference, Jaeger said her department was informed by Public Health Ontario that the strain of the first confirmed case in Niagara is consistent with the Toronto cases, but is not the same as those in Quebec or those that have been referred to as the Disneyland outbreak in many U.S. States.

She said said the 14-year-old female was not fully vaccinated.

Jaeger said since there is a case involving a school-aged child, public health has to abide by protocols set out under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupils Act.

Any school-aged person believed to have been in contact with a suspect or confirmed case of measles, and does not have the required two doses, can't attend school. All affected children have been notified by public health.

"The protocol requires me, the medical officer of health, to take certain precautions to ensure that the further spread of disease is contained when there is an immediate risk of disease in a school," she said.

Proof both vaccinations have been given are required to allow a student to return to class.

Students who already have both shots are free to attend school on Tuesday.

The process is referred to as exclusion, said Jaeger.

"Any susceptible children - and by that we mean children who have not received their two doses of the measles vaccine and who have been identified as contact of a confirmed or suspect case - are excluded from whatever school they attend, whether or not that is the same school as attended by the suspect case.

"For example, a teenager may be identified as a contact by virtue of being on a hockey team, Boy Scouts, going to church - there are just many ways in which somebody can become exposed to measles, but then we are concerned about their school-aged contacts.

Jaeger said exposed students who have not received their two doses of the measles vaccine are required to stay home until either public health has received notification that the student has now received their two appropriately spaced doses of measles vaccine, or the risk of measles exposure and illness has subsided as determined by her.

"Exclusion is really all about prevention and it's prevention on two fronts: It protects the susceptible students from getting the illness because they are more susceptible, and it also prevents those students from spreading the illness within the school context."

Jaeger said the current situation does not mean schools are high-risk environments.

In fact, she said the vaccination rate in Niagara schools, especially in high schools, is "very high."

"But measles is highly contagious and a person who is not adequately protected can get measles anywhere, anytime and then can secondarily pose a risk to others.

"Prevention is something that happens ahead of time. It is not a question of chasing after cases after they occur. The best message is to protect yourself and your family and ensure that peoples' vaccinations are up to date."

Jaeger said she wants to remind people that the vaccine is "very safe and it's very effective."

She also encouraged parents to check their children's vaccination records.

"We're looking for evidence of two measles vaccines, both after the first birthday. Parents who do that checking and find that that is the case for their children, they should consider that their children are adequately immunized and protected.

"If they find that that is not the case, they should call public health to verify the next steps, or their family doctor, or nurse practitioner and see what is the appropriate schedule for getting the second vaccination.

"I will say that in the ... context of this specific case, public health has been, and is, following up individually with all of those families to not only ensure their status, but to facilitate them receiving the vaccination that they require."

She said public health maintains records of which students have or have not received the required vaccine and has made school principals and directors aware.

Jaeger said local vaccination clinics have been busy and are prepared for an influx of those who choose to be vaccinated.

"I think from the evidence in Toronto, in York and even with one case in Niagara, it was an indication that ... there's a potential for measles to sporadically occur and now we have evidence of transmission in Niagara.

"We have a heightened awareness to identify other cases of measles - that need for heightened awareness has been communicated to all primary-care practitioners and emergency rooms."


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# Council asked to reconsider road allowance project

**Sarah Ferguson**
Fort Erie Times

Ontario Shorewalk Association founder Garry Skerrett wants Fort Erie council to consider a road allowance project that was removed from the 2015 capital budget.

Members of the Ontario Shorewalk Association are "deeply disappointed" by council's decision to remove a $200,000 project to develop the Holloway Bay road allowance to Lake Erie.

"We are here to ask you to reconsider and reinstate it," Skerrett said during a council meeting on Feb. 9.

"At your recent capital budget meeting, the proposed budget of $200,000 to develop the Holloway Bay road allowance to Lake Erie was removed."

The goal of the Ontario Shorewalk Association is to achieve public walking rights along the shores of Ontario's Great Lakes and to ensure access via road allowances and parkland in order get to access these shores. That's why Skerrett said the association is "urging council to reconsider" its decision to strike the project from the budget.

According to research from Town staff, Skerrett said 97% of Fort Erie's shores are "privately owned and inaccessible to the public."

"At the same time, it is frequently acknowledged that our Lake Erie shoreline is the town's most valuable natural asset. Isn't it ironic? All that great waterfront but only 3% publicly available," Skerrett said.

"We are all aware that beyond the Point Abino gate, westward to the Port Colborne boundary, we have virtual 100% inaccessibility. But that could be changed if we had shoreline access with the Holloway Bay project which calls for a boardwalk and stairs over the approaches to a beautiful sand beach."

Skerrett said the Town could use money from a reserve fund and take advantage of a "unique opportunity to tap into a regional waterfront development fund."

"The catch here is that Fort Erie, due to its already well developed waterfront plan, is at a temporary advantage over the other 11 municipalities who will be vying for their piece of the pie."

Councillors decided not to move forward with the project because the road allowance borders along the edge of Port Colborne. The project was to be tabled until the Town could reach an agreement with the City of Port Colborne to jointly fund the project and seek grant opportunities.

"Shouldn't Port Colborne be contributing?," Skerrett asked.

"Perhaps, in a perfect world. But the fact is Holloway Bay Road and the road allowance to the Lake is 100% Fort Erie property. It is Fort Erie's responsibility to develop our own property."

Skerrett said the project "has the potential to be a one-of-a-kind environmental and beachfront attraction" that could become "one of the most memorable places to visit on the Great Lakes."

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts thanked Skerrett for speaking to council about the Holloway Bay Road allowance.

"I do support everything that the Shorewalk is doing," Lubberts told Skerrett.

Lubberts said he supported council's decision to remove the project from the capital budget because he believed the road allowance belonged to both municipalities.

"I am going to get some more clarification and I will be making some inquiries to our town staff," Lubberts added.

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# opinion page

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## Vaccinations still best defence against childhood diseases

Health Minister Rona Ambrose said it best: "Vaccinations are frankly miracles of modern medicine."

Robust public health and disease prevention depends as much on the bedrock science on which it rests, as on public education that maintains those breakthroughs for future generations.

Smoking, HIV/AIDS, childhood diseases, the flu. In each, science gave us the silver bullet to understand the issues, and public health education the muscle to extend those lessons into time.

With that in mind, there have been few teachable moments on the merits of inoculations better than the debate now raging in North America, triggered by minor measles outbreaks on both sides of the border.

The most telling illustration sprang, ironically, from the Disneyland theme park in southern California, which bills itself as "the happiest place on Earth." Dozens of lab-confirmed cases of measles have been traced to the resort, a global tourism destination. If there's an unvaccinated child or adult with a contagious disease at Disney, it's an uncomfortably small world, after all.

No one likes getting shots. They don't always work, and there can be adverse reactions.

Some people simply overlook them. That's forgetfulness, easily fixed.

Others oppose them for religious reasons. That's tougher.

But also out there are skeptics who insist they know better than the scientists. Some cling to discredited research linking shots and autism; others, to conspiracy theories about Big Pharma. There's no telling them they're wrong, but we can say why they're not right.

Information compiled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention puts the issue in stark perspective: About one or two children out of every 1,000 infected with measles will die. But the measles vaccine is more than 90% effective.

Enough said.

*-QMI Agency*

## Do You Remember?

Unfortunately, last week's photo of the early computer operator received no calls or e-mails so it will go back into the 'unidentified people' binder here at the Museum.

We have one name on the back of this week's photo - Vera Van Brussell. Does anyone remember if she is the Girl Guide or one of the Guide leaders?

Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

## From the gardener's journal: Plant seeds a little later this season

**Ruth Vold Markle**
Special to The Times

Just like everyone, I get a kick out of the 'common wisdom' weather signs that we often repeat.

I have heard quite a few this winter and I suspect right about now there are not too many words to describe this season.

I think everyone is glad to be safe and warm and wishing that to be true for everyone else.

Hearing some of tbese expressions in the past week got me thinking about often we use words and ideas without truly verifying them. I suppose we think there is some fact as the basis for these expressions but are they truly accurate?

I am inclined to match ideas to happenings so I thought it might be fun to look at some of these common weather expressions and see if they are indeed accurate. For instance, does a red sun in morning truly give warning of an impending storm—the sailor's warning?

And does a red sun at night (or sunset) truly bring calming evening—the sailor's delight?

So for the next two weeks I thought I would keep a record of these simple observations and see the accuracy of the expressions.

While we lived north, we knew many of these weather expressions as so many of the community had grown up with this wisdom. One very hot and dry summer, one of our friends, a life long farmer told us "all signs fail in drought."

.I thought that covered all the wisdom well.

My good friend grew up on the south shore of Nova Scotia and her dad was known to say during a very bad storm "now that's weather!" That covers a lot of wisdom, too.

Naturally in the greenhouse the best weather is the humidity that keeps the tropicals thriving. This past week brought no new signs of Mickey and Minnie but a wonderful advancement of the bulbs. The winning team of bulbs is Go Green—so named by the students—lush and lovely flowers...they give incredible colour at this season.

The advice this year is to plant seeds a little later than last year. We began our early vegetables the end of February, but this year the suggestion is about two weeks later.

Right now, we are preparing flats and cell packs so that our production is efficient and accurate.

I am preparing the labels so that we do have that plant in that space. All these necessary practical steps give us an activity while we wait, but also provide us with time when we get planting. I wish you could see some of the banging baskets that we began in late December. Suddenly, all the plants have spurted and the colours are coming along nicely. I anticipate a great spring for growth.

No matter the size of your space, it is important to try and grow your own herbs and vegetables.

Even if you have a small space, there are many suitable containers and easy to manage products that give you the advantage of fresh.

Start small and then gradually increase as you become comfortable. Each year we try some new varieties of herbs and vegetables. If you are not sure, you can always ask someone who knows or even share seeds with someone.

Often, the shared seeds and cuttings will lead to wonderful team and learning moments. Keeping growing is the goal.

On the theme of keeping growing I thought I would share some 'expressions of common wisdom' from the past and perhaps still in use:

"Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without"

"Spiders do not spin their webs out of doors before rain"

"A thunderstorm in winter is always followed by clear cold weather"

"If it starts to rain after 7 o'clock in the morning it will rain all day and often indicates 3 days of rain to come"

"A foggy morning is usually the fore runner of a clear afternoon"

"A red sun indicates great heat"

"A silvery moon indicates great cold"

"A ring around the moon means a storm is coming soon"

And finally..."Shiny morning, cloudy day...cloudy morning, shiny day"

What ever the week brings weather wise, I hope each day you can find something to lighten your winter—something shiny or green or fragrant...

Until next week, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.

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# opinion page

## Celebrate our right as Canadians to choose what we read

**Amy Roebuck**
Fort Erie Public Library

There is a noteworthy display of books at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library this month.

The titles exhibited have all been banned, burned or challenged somewhere, sometime.

The web site www.freedomtoread.ca offers more information about this important issue. Freedom to Read Week, Feb. 22 to 28, celebrates our right as Canadians to choose the books we want to read.

It has been observed for over two decades as a reminder of the importance of preserving intellectual freedom for all. The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights states that, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to ... seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Over the years, various groups or individuals have challenged many acclaimed works, and made attempts to ban books from schools and libraries.

In times of increased security concerns, when individual rights are sometimes compromised, it is essential that the freedom to read continues to be a priority.

February is also Black History Month, and two events during the week ahead will be part of the library's observance. On Wednesday, Feb. 25, Lezlie Harper of Niagara Bound Tours will be at the Centennial branch to talk about the history of the Niagara Movement, in which several prominent black leaders of the early part of the twentieth century gathered in the Fort Erie area to discuss their strategy to attain full civil rights for all. Harper's program begins at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 26, we will screen the movie Selma at the Centennial branch, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Starring David Oyelowo, this is a chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights in Alabama with an epic march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

There are many books and resources for all ages in the library collection on topics related to Black History Month in both Canada and the United States, and we have the following recommendations for young readers: a marvelous picture book for children is Lane Smith's Abe Lincoln's Dream.

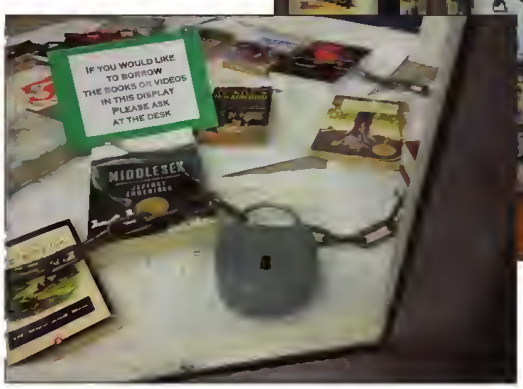
Barbara Smucker's Underground to Canada is a classic for middle school readers.

One can't go wrong with the works of Christopher Paul Curtis, a winner of both the Newbery Award for outstanding writing for children and the Coretta Scott King award, which is given to outstanding African-American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.

Curtis has written: The Watsons go to Birmingham, 1963; Elijah of Buxton and The Madman of Piney Woods; Bud, not Buddy, and The Mighty Miss Malone. Lynne Kositsky's The Maybe House is part of the Our Canadian Girl series.

You can place a hold on any of these selections and many more at your nearest branch or on the library website, www.fepl.ca.

*Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.*




There is a noteworthy display of books at the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library this month. The titles exhibited have all been banned, burned or challenged somewhere, sometime.

## letters to the editor

### Celebrate our Canadian flag

*Dear Editor,*

Feb. 15 marked the 50th anniversary of the adoption of our distinctive red Maple Leaf flag by the Liberal government of Lester Pearson.

Other countries celebrate their flag with a special day. The government of Canada should have done so as well, especially this year.

There may not have been any military battles over our maple leaf flag, but there certainly were personal ones.

I'm proud to have been able to travel throughout the world and that my maple leaf flag, whether on my back pack, my luggage or as a pin on my shirt tab or blazer lapel.

Happy 50th birthday to our flag.

*Liz Seger*

### Owner is responsible for whale's welfare

*Dear Editor,*

Marineland's Kiska swims 24 hours a day in small circles around her tank. How is Kiska's quality of life in a motionless pool with no stimulation or interaction?

There should be responsibility on behalf of Kiska's owners to make her life better than what it is. Kiska helped bring in millions of dollars performing in daily shows.

She may get her daily quota of food and proper vet care, but is this the best that can be done?

I hope the upcoming regulations change to reflect a modern world with advanced thinking.

*E. Anne Thomson*

### Send us a letter to the editor

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Letters can be e-mailed to Editor Sarah Ferguson at sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca.

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**Bouquet for good samaritans**
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**Brick for fatty chicken**
A Brick for being left with trimmings equal to two chicken breasts. I bought skinless, boneless chicken breasts on sale at a local grocery store. They looked great in the package but hidden underneath were flaps of fat, useless meat and bloodied grizzle needing to be trimmed off. Trimmed off equals ripped off since I had to pay for the waste.

**Brick for noisy patrons**
Brick for people who talk so loud when they visit the library. It used to be so nice and quiet to sit and read, but lately people have been talking so loud to each other and laughing and carrying on it that was too distracting.. Be respectful to people that come to the library to read. Talk in a quiet voice. Sssssshhhhhhhh!

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A huge brick for the person who backed into my car at a well-known coffee shop in Stevensville. You knew you hit my car. It has been parked in the same spot every night for over a year so you also know that I am an employee. I guess you figured you didn't do much damage. You guessed wrong. It will cost $500 just to fix the headlight and that doesn't include the damage to the bumper. I make so much money working midnights at minimum wage that you decided you didn't need to own up to hitting my car. Shame on you and hopefully you don't believe in bad karma.

**Bouquet for help**
A bouquet for the kind people who assisted me when I fell at a local grocery store recently. I really appreciate the help. It's always horrible when you slip and fall but it's nice to know people care.

Send your bricks & bouquets to: sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca or mail them to Fort Erie Times, 336 Central Ave., Fort Erie Ont., L2A 3T6

## Celebrating our Canadian flag

Special to The Times

Canada celebrated the 50th anniversary of its flag on Feb. 15, known as National Flag of Canada Day. Korean War veteran, Wray Ronald Robbins, 88, of Fort Erie, is an avid flag waver. He was presented with a Canadian flag by Anna Annunziata, constituency assistant to Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson to mark the occasion. He shares his love of the Canadian flag by providing flags at his own expense.

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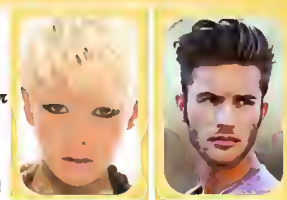

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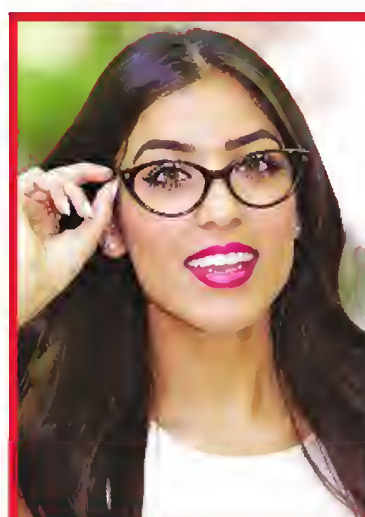

# Grant offers assistance for those supported by Community Living

**Sarah Ferguson**
Fort Erie Times

The Community Living Fort Erie Inclusive Opportunities Grant is giving individuals a chance to have new experiences they might otherwise not have.

The grant assists people by removing financial or physical barriers to inclusion. It is available to anyone who is supported by Community Living Fort Erie.

"Sometimes people just need the financial resources to be involved in community activities. With new experiences comes the opportunity to meet new people, develop new friendships and increase community participation," said Community Living Fort Erie executive director Maureen Brown. "This grant supports and promotes our mission of inclusion for people with intellectual challenges."

More than $7,923 has been given to individuals to help them remove physical barriers and achieve their goals.

The money is used to help people overcome a variety of barriers such as obtaining drivers licenses, and participating in music lessons or sports activities. Recipients of the grant have also used funds toward the purchase of scooters to assist with mobility issues and other physical assistive devices.

Community Living Fort Erie received a donation of $2,500 from the Gore Mutual Foundation to support the grant.

"It is very important that our organization finds ways to assist people with intellectual challenges to be active members of our community. This grant provides the financial assistance required throughout the year to help people to be included," said Community Living Fort Erie board president Pam Coulhurst. "Due to this generous donation made byTheGoreMutualFoundation financial barriers to inclusion can be removed for more of the people that we support"

The Gore Mutual Foundation is a registered charitable foundation under the Income Tax Act.

All funding is provided by Gore Mutual Insurance Company.

Applicants of the grant must be 18 years or older and receiving service from Community Living Fort Erie. Applicants' requests must promote inclusive opportunities and they must work toward a specific goal of community inclusion that requires the assistance of this funding to achieve it.

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**SARAH FERGUSON**
Fort Erie Times

**Community Living's Inclusive Opportunities Grant program received a donation of $2,5000 from Gore Mutual Foundation. From left were Scott and Brian Maskell of Gore Mutual Insurance, with Pam Coulthurst and Maureen Brown from Community Living Fort Erie.**

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LET'S GROW TOGETHER

A look back at the week in Niagara

COMMUNITY

## Sportsfest participants welcome snow

**MARYANNE FIRTH**
QMI Agency Niagara

Snow pants, ear warmers and gloves may not be typical slo-pitch attire, but this weekend they were just what the umpire ordered.

Players laughed as they tried to run through the snow from base to base in the annual sno-pitch tournament held Saturday as part of Port Colborne's Sportsfest celebration.

There was a similar lighthearted attitude at the courts of the Port Colborne Bocce Club, where club members spent hours snowblowing the courts to ready them for their Sportsfest debut.

For Nina Johnson, Sportsfest was simply a good excuse to get out of the house and have a fun day with friends.

The Port Colborne resident opted to try her hand at bocce, despite the chilly temperatures.

"It's a way to get people out in the dead of winter, out of that winter hibernation, it get everyone out together and is great for community spirit."

Sportsfest, with its wealth of activities throughout Port Colborne, drew participants from across Niagara and beyond.

Teams from as far away as Barrie participated in the Mayor's Cup Invitational Hockey Tournament and cyclists turned out in droves for the sold out Frostbike winter mountain bike race.

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## WHAT'S GROWING IN NIAGARA

### CUVÉE 2015

**Date:** Friday, Febraury 27, Fallsview Casino Resort, Niagara Falls

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### BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE!

**Date:** various dates

**Description:** Bowl for Kids Sake isn't about being a good bowler. It's about having a good time and raising money for a good cause. All the money raised at these events across Niagara supports traditional Big Brothers Big Sisters programming along with In-School mentoring. This annual event is the largest and most important fundraising campaign for Big Brothers Big Sisters

**For more information:** St. Catharines & Thorold (905) 646-3230, Niagara Falls (905) 357-5454, South Niagara (905) 735-0570 ext. 221

### WOMEN & WELLNESS

**Date:** Thursday February 19, Club Italia, Niagara Falls

**Description:** The 5th annual educational fundraising event is hosted by the Niagara Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. Rona Maynard, former Editor-in-Chief of Chatelaine describes her victory over chronic depression, Funds raised support CMHA Niagara Walk-In Counselling Service.

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# Raising over $17,000 in 60 minutes

**Alison Langley**
QMI Agency Niagara

The message is simple yet powerful.

Bring 100 women together who commit to donating $100 each to a local non-profit organization.

The total quickly reaches $10,000.

Add a few more women to the mix and that figure balloons to over $17,800.

That's how much 100 Women Who Care Niagara raised recently and "we still have five or six cheques in the mail," said founder Sylvia Berezowski.

The concept is simple — 100 women meet for 60 minutes, four times a year and each donates $100.

Any member of the group can nominate a charity, and three members are randomly selected at each meeting to make a pres-e ntation in support of their nomination.

"The nominees make a bid for their charity," Berezowski explained. "They speak from the heart."

At the end of the presentations, the group votes, and each member writes a cheque to the winning charity.

All funds raised from the meeting will benefit Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation Niagara.

WARM Niagara provides personal support recovery programs from women and families with addiction issues. Services include individual, family and group counselling and weekly support groups.

"We are deeply honoured to receive this funding as it will be pivotal in the operations of the 2015 business plan," said Rosella Born, the agency's executive director.

"WARM Niagara is a very important part of the fabric of the Niagara region and we are humbled that we get to embrace the needs of our clients and community. "

Meanwhile, 100 Women Who Care held its inaugural meeting last September and raised $18,500 which was presented to Women's Place of South Niagara.

The agency welcomes new members and is committed to advocating for charities across Niagara, Berezowski added.

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## 100 Women Who Care Niagara

- Group of women meet four times a year and donate $100 each meeting to a local nonprofit organization.
- The next meeting will be held April 15 at the Americana Conference Resort & Spa on Lundy's Lane
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## Strength in Numbers - DJB opens a new location at 20 Corporate Park Drive in St. Catharines.

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**Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP (DJB)** recently celebrated the opening of a new and expanded location in St. Catharines.

Over the past few years, the DJB team has grown to include over 140 professional and support staff across offices located in the Niagara, Hamilton and Halton regions. DJB's new St. Catharines location, close to the QEW and 406 brings together 60 people, including partners, managers, support and administrative staff.

**Darryl Teutenberg, CPA, CA, Partner-in-Charge for St. Catharines,** has been practicing in Niagara since the beginning of his career at DJB in 1999. While there was a lot of planning and work surrounding the move, Darryl explains why it was worth it. "We are excited to be able to bring together so many skills and talents in to a central and accessible location. Our focus is on client service and being available to our business partners in the surrounding communities and our new location will allow us to continue to build on that focus for many years to come."

**Mark Brohman, CPA, CA, Firm Managing Partner,** feels that the new office will provide a number of benefits including improved staff development and advancement and strengthened client service teams. "The Niagara Region has always been extremely important to DJB. We believe that this new office, along with our locations in Welland and Grimsby, will allow us to continue to improve our client service throughout the Region."

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# Formation of ice caves 'was a testament to how cold it was'

**Sarah Ferguson**
Fort Erie Times

Last year, thousands of people from across Niagara and western New York flocked to Crystal Beach over Family Day weekend to catch a glimpse of ice formations that formed along the shore.

The phenomenon that created the ice caves is called ice shove, which is the formation of ice that freezes on top of water. As high winds come in, the ice is broken up and the waves pound the ice into shore, pushing it up on top of itself.

The largest cave was nine metres deep, about 4.5 metres wide and had a head space about two metres high.

As word spread about Mother Nature's phenomenon, Town of Fort Erie staff closed roads in order to funnel large amounts of traffic along a designated route. Staff also began issuing parking tickets because emergency vehicles had difficulty getting through to assist individuals who had been injured while trying to scale the icy summits.

The Fort Erie Fire Department and police urged people to stay away because of cracks and unstable ice conditions. Due to concerns for public safety, Town staff knocked down the ice caves, reducing them to giant mounds of snow.

"I think (the formation of the ice caves) was a testament to how cold it was last winter," said Geoff Coulson, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

According to Coulson, this winter has been "fairly similar" to the winter Fort Erie residents saw last year when the ice caves were formed.

Coulson said the average temperature in December 2013 was -1.4 °C while this past December was -1.5 °C. The average temperature in January 2013 was -6.2 °C while this past January's average was -6.1 °C.

"This missing ingredient—and I'm not an expert on the phenomenon—has a lot to do with the wind," Coulson explained. "The wind itself needs to be fairly strong and steady and it needs to be that way for 12 to 18 hours or more at a time."

In order for ice shove to occur, Coulson said wind is vital. Although small mounds of ice shove have formed along Lake Erie near Albert Street, this winter hasn't brought "many strong occurrences" of wind to produce the massive ice caves Fort Erie residents saw last year. "There could be some southwest winds in the forecast but it won't last long enough or be significant to form the ice caves like you saw last year."

It is difficult to predict whether or not Fort Erie will see another formation of ice caves like the ones that formed last year along Lake Erie.

"It's difficult to predict," Coulson said.

But he wouldn't rule the possibility out.

'We've found other winters, especially in the late 70s that jumped out and being really cold which led to the perfect conditions to allow ice caves to form," Coulson said.

"Perhaps the depth of cold hasn't been there. This winter and the previous winter were throwbacks to winter that we haven't seen much of."

According to Coulson, "Wiarton Willy was a little eager with his forecast for an early spring."

Southern Ontario residents can expect "a lot more winter" to come.

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## timeline

- The ice caves began to form in December 2013 and January 2014 as a result of ice shove. It is the formation of ice that freezes on top of water. As high winds come in, the ice is broken up and the waves pound the ice into shore, pushing it up on top of itself.
- Hundreds of people began visiting the ice formations each day. Fort Erie Fire Chief Larry Coplen estimated about 50,000 people flocked to see the ice caves over the Family Day weekend.
- Several people were injured over the holiday weekend when they tried to scale the icy summits.
Reaching the injured became difficult for first responders due to heavy congestion in the area.
- Police and fire officials ordered the evacuation of the ice caves on Feb. 17, 2014 after cracks began forming in the ice.
- Town of Fort Erie staff destroyed the ice caves on Feb. 19, 2014, reducing them to giant mounds of snow.

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**The formation of three massive ice caves drew thousands of people to Crystal Beach during Family Day weekend last year.**

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# NPC plans $600K railway plaza redevelopment

**Ray Spiteri**
QMI Agency Niagara

The Niagara Parks Commission is redeveloping the lower level plaza at its Incline Railway.

The $600,000 worth of improvements are intended to create a more welcoming environment for the thousands of visitors entering Niagara Parks eacb day, according to the commission.

"It will continue to build on NPC's efforts to improve the overall accessibility of its sites and attractions, while enhancing the overall experience for all those visiting Niagara Parks," reads a press release issued by the commission.

Key features of the new plaza will include heated concrete paving, pathway and accent lighting; decorative fencing, seating and improved way finding signage, as well as enhanced landscaping features which will better connect and unify the plaza with Queen Victoria Park.

Construction is expected to be completed by mid-May. The incline railway and access to Table Rock will remain open during the redevelopment.

The commission said enhanced access and pedestrian movement into the park allows them to examine new programming options and services.

The new pedestrian space will become a meeting place, where guests can obtain information and plan their visit.

"It's a way to properly welcome our visitors and guide them to all the attractions that the Niagara Parks offers," said NPC chairwoman Janice Thomson. "People will be able to park their vehicles (at the NPC's Falls Parking lot) and walk to this central welcoming centre where they can get important and relevant information."

She said the area will serve as a "celebration area" as Niagara gets ready to host events for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, as well as Rendezvous Canada this spring and summer.

"It will also bring more nature with plant materials to soften the parking-lot feel."

The Incline Railway takes riders up and down between Table Rock and the Fallsview tourist area. The railway underwent a $7-million renovation in 2013 to make it a year-round and fully accessible service.

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**SUPPLIED PHOTO** Special to QMI Agency Niagara

**This is an artist's rendering of what the lower level plaza at the Niagara Parks Commission's Incline Railway will look like when the redevelopment is completed by mid-May.**

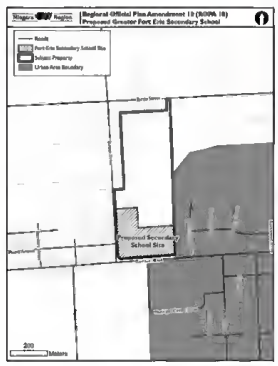
PUBLIC MEETING

# PROPOSED REGIONAL OFFICAL PLAN AMENDMENT 10 (ROPA 10)

## Proposed Greater Fort Erie Secondary School Town of Fort Erie

**Proposed Change**

As the result of a District School Board of Niagara Accommodation Review, the application proposes to allow for the construction of a new, two storey secondary school and ancillary facilities including a running track on the southern portion of a parcel of land which is currently occupied by the Fort Erie Golf Club in the Town of Fort Erie.



The application proposes to amend the Regional Official Plan to permit this use. The applicant has also requested amendments to the Town of Fort Erie Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit this use. The subject site is located immediately adjacent to the Region's Urban Area Boundary, at the northeast corner of Garrison Road and Sunset Drive. The map below shows the location of the proposed secondary school.

This application will be evaluated against the Provincial Policy Statement (2014), Provincial Growth Plan and the Regional Official Plan. The amendment will need to satisfy Policy S.B.7 of the Regional Official Plan, in particular.

**Have Your Say**

Public input on this proposed amendment is welcomed and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Region. If you do not express your views through these avenues, you may be forfeiting your right to appeal Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**Public Meeting**

This public meeting is being held under the provisions of Section 17 of the *Planning Act* at the following time and place:

**DATE:** **Wednesday, March 11, 2015**
**TIME:** **1 p.m.**
**LOCATION:** **Niagara Region Headquarters - Campbell West**
**Council Chamber**
**2201 St. David's Rd.**
**Thorold, ON**

**Written Submission**

To provide input in writing or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, 2201 St. David's Rd, P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, ON L2V 4T7, or email **ralph.walton@niagararegion.ca.**

**More Information**

For more information about the proposed Amendment please contact Brian Dick, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner, by phone at 905-685-4225, ext. 3365 or **brian.dick@niagararegion.ca.**

A copy of the proposed Amendment and information and materials related to the Amendment are available for inspection in the Planning and Development Services Department at the above address Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and at **www.niagararegion.ca.**

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**Legal Notice**

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If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Regional Municipality of Niagara before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Regional official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk and such request must include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

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# Cop loses 60 hours pay for careless driving

A Niagara Regional Police officer will lose 60 hours of pay and a performance bonus worth $3,000 as penalty for discreditable conduct.

Const. Vincent St. Pierre was sentenced during a disciplinary hearing on Feb. 10 at NRP headquarters on James St. in St. Catharines.

St. Pierre previously pleaded guilty to a charge of discreditable conduct under the Police Services Act. The charge came as the result of St. Pierre being found guilty of careless driving.

On July 23, 2013, St. Pierre was off duty and returning from the U.S. at the Rainbow Bridge in the Nexus lane at about 11 p.m.

At the inspection booth, St. Pierre handed the CBSA agent his passport and police identification card. The CBSA officer noticed slurred speech and the smell of alcohol on St. Pierre's breath. He admitted to having had two or three beers. St. Pierre was originally charged with driving with a blood alcohol concentration greater than .08 mg in 100 ml of blood, but he agreed to plead guilty to a lesser charge of careless driving.

The hearing officer, NRP Insp. Brent Flynn, said the penalty shows the NRP takes the misconduct of its officers seriously.

"As police officers, we are held to a higher standard," Flynn said.

St. Pierre is a decorated officer with no previous disciplinary actions taken against him.

# Toronto–area woman wins $1M at Fallsview Casino

A 51-year-old woman from North York won $1 million at Fallsview Casino on Sunday.

Niagara Casinos spokesperson Greg Medulun said Casilda Pouk put $20 in a slot machine called Mighty Millionaire, played for three minutes and won $1.039 million.

Medulun said Pouk, who was visiting the casino with her cousins, had not been to the casino in more than a year.

"There's something extra lucky about Fallsview Casino and Casino Niagara and the month of February," said Medulun.

"I recall a number of years back when a $5.6-million megabucks jackpot hit for a retired nurse's aide from Tonawanda on Valentine's Day in 2002.

"I'm also reminded of the time when the largest slot jackpot in Canadian history hit at Fallsview Casino – almost $5.8 million – in October 2004 at the same time as then Prime Minister Paul Martin and his Liberal colleagues were at Fallsview Casino for their (Annual General Meeting)."

Medulun said Niagara Casinos "couldn't be happier" for Pouk.

"Big jackpots are a part of the experience at Fallsview Casino," he said. "It's a reminder that you just never know what could happen when you come and play with us in Niagara Falls."

# Two arrests in Welland drug bust

Two arrests have been made following a drug investigation in Welland's west end.

In early January, members of the Niagara Regional Police Welland street crime unit began investigating a drug trafficking network that police say was "causing havoc on innocent citizens at a west-end housing complex."

Last Thursday, a search warrant was executed at the residence and seven people were located inside one small apartment.

As a result of the investigation, police seized $500 in suspected cocaine and prescription pills, and $935 in cash.

Randy Weaver, 52, and Charles Richard Wass, 47, both of Welland, were each charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, and possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under $5,000.

Weaver was also charged with breach of probation.

Both parties were held in custody pending a bail hearing last Friday.

# The snow owl is 'an amazing bird'

**Earl Plato**
When Nature Calls

Our door bell rang on a recent winter evening.

We went to answer. It was Gerald Mulholland of Black Creek. He had a box.

"I have something special." He did.

It was a most beautiful dead Snowy Owl.

Gerald found it in the fields near where he lives. "I think it was hit by a car," he said.

We contacted Rob Eberly, local naturalist of the Bert Miller Nature Club. Rob saw how almost a perfect a specimen it was.

He said, "We have to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and report it to them."

We both thought of Ernie Giles, master taxidermist, who has returned recently to live in Fort Erie.

Rob and Ernie had devoted much of their time serving at the Christian Summer Camp Kahquah in Muskoka. They knew each other well.

Days passed. Permission was given to the Bert Miller Nature Club to use the specimen for educational purposes.

I have known Ernie Giles for many years. He is a highly skilled taxidermist. I have viewed his work at his former Lake of Bays home.

Great work!

Ernie arrived to our home with the finished work. A beautiful job as shown in the photo.

Ernie told us that it died from trauma, probably struck by a vehicle.

"It's a mature female. The bone structure is quite strong. There was internal bleeding. I had to wash it three times."

He showed the small feathers on the outer wings.

Here is some research about our most northern owl. It is a good size owl. We are told it is one of the largest owl species in North America. They can weigh up to 6.6 pounds (3 kg). It's our heaviest owl. Our female had a wingspan of 50 inches or more.

It has small yellow eyes and black-beaked.

The adult male is virtually all white. Ernie pointed to the female specimen. There were small dark scallops along the outer wings.

I felt it thick plumage. It is one solid bird.

Its sharp talons were heavily feathered. It is well adapted for life north of the Arctic Circle.

What are Snowy owls doing in Niagara?

This powerful bird relies primarily on lemmings and other small rodents. Lemmings are related to muskrats. They can measure up to six inches on the average.

Normally plentiful some years, they die off. That's time for Snowys to head south - Ontario. Here we have plentiful meadow voles and deer mice. The Snowy is capable of killing much larger prey such as muskrats and even raccoons.

Each bird must capture roughly seven to 12 mice a day to meet its food requirements. It can eat more than 1600 lemmings per year.

An amazing bird!

*Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.*

Ernie Giles and the Snowy Owl


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# Don't dump integrity commissioner: ombudsman

**Rob Houle**
QMI Agency Niagara

Ontario's ombudsman says it would be a bad idea for Niagara Region to go without an integrity commissioner.

"We have to learn from history. And if you look back at different councils that have gotten into trouble in the past, it's because, A, they didn't have a code of conduct, and, B, they didn't have an integrity commissioner," Andre Marin said last Wednesday.

"I think those two items are extremely important to prevent councillors from falling off track. So I would urge councillors to pause and reflect, and look at how other jurisdictions have gotten off the ethical track."

Marin became aware of a move at regional council to get rid of its integrity commissioner after reading an online account written by QMI Agency Niagara.

Niagara Falls regional Coun. Bob Gale gave fellow councillors a head's up at a regional council meeting held two weeks ago that he would be presenting a motion to do away with the integrity commissioner. Gale said the money spent on an integrity commissioner, a figure he pegged at $24,000 in 2014, was a waste of taxpayer money. He said with a code of conduct in place regional councillors led by chair Alan Caslin could police themselves.

Marin said that without an integrity commissioner, the Region's code of conduct is virtually worthless.

"We shouldn't let ethical issues depend on the individual leanings of council members," Marin said. "There needs to be a code of conduct, and secondly it needs to be policed, otherwise, it's not worth the paper it's written on."

Marin said the money spent on an integrity commissioner, who is paid on a case-by-case basis, is money well spent.

"I understand the reaction — especially from newly-elected councillors — is to say, 'Well, how much is this costing? It's a waste of taxpayers money, ect.'

"But in the long run, it's a good investment of taxpayers money if it's done correctly, because it gives the assurance to local citizens that they are being properly served by their elected representatives."

Marin's office was given the power to investigate alleged municipal government malfeasance in December, which has been cited as another reason to do away with an integrity commissioner, but Marin said it's not realistic to expect him to be the watchdog over all of the province's municipalities.

"There's a reaction out there saying, 'Well, let's have the ombudsman do it because he's free,' " Marin said. "But there's 444 municipalities in Ontario. It would be a daunting task to cover all the municipalities in Ontario. But more importantly, I think a local integrity commissioner with teeth, with consequences that can be levied against councillors who breech the code ... can pay dividends and reassure the public that it's money well spent. To me, it's logical that it's done locally."

Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin.

Marin said the ombudsman's office should be seen as "backup, that if the investigation was done willy-nilly or cutting corners, then we can come in at this point and look at the conduct of the integrity commissioner.

"So we're always in the picture, but should we be the first line of contact? The answer is no."

Marin said in provincial affairs the ombudsman is the "avenue of last resort," so it should be the same at the municipal level.

Reached last Thursday and told of Marin's belief the cost of an integrity commissioner was money well spent, Gale was unswayed.

"He can say that all he wants," Gale said. "I won't accept that. If we can do it for free and use him, we'll use him. But that will be up to council after I make the motion and we debate it. But as long as he can do it and I'm saving taxpayers money.... I still feel that we don't need it and I think it's a waste of taxpayers money for this."

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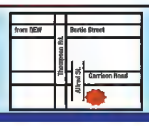

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# Royal Canadian Legion set to mark 90th anniversary

**Sarah Ferguson**
Fort Erie Times

The Royal Canadian Legion is set to honour its 90th anniversary in 2016.

"We're working on planning special events and we want people to help us come up with ideas," Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 president Larry Graber said.

The legion currently has members who have served in the Second World War, the Korean War and Afghanistan.

It's a reality that many of the legion's older members are aging, and some of the organization's dedicated veterans "may not be around to see the legion's 100th anniversary."

That's why the legion will commemorate its 90th anniversary, Graber said.

In honour of the anniversary, a Royal Canadian Legion AnniversaryCommemorative Medal has been created and is now available to purchase.

The ribbon includes the Legion's red and blue colours along with the colours of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, which will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in its involvement in the battle of Beaumont-Hamel during the First World War.

Graber said the Royal Newfoundland Regiment's colours will be added to the medal as a tribute to the regiment.

The commemorative medal will be made available to all members of the legion and may be worn as early as June. The medals will cost $25 each.

"It would be nice if we could buy a medal for every veteran, but the reality is that at $25 each for 200 veterans, we just can't afford it," Graber said.

"Right now, we are looking into the possibility of a grant to ensure every veteran receives one," Graber said.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 was chartered in 1926. It was previously known as the British Empire Service League before it was renamed as the Royal Canadian Legion in 1948.

For more information about the legion or its upcoming 90th anniversary call Graber at 905-871-8682.

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**SARAH FERGUSON** Fort Erie Times

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 president Larry Graber said the organization will celebrate its 90th anniversary next year. Legion members will be able to purchase and begin wearing pins in June to commemorate the event.

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# Fort Erie native uncorks two new shows

**John Law**
QMI Agency Niagara

Fort Erie's Lee Siegel has performed at the Stratford Festival. He has performed at the Tony Awards. He sang Andrew Lloyd Webber songs with Andrew Lloyd Webber in the audience.

So what fazes him? Being the only one in the spotlight.

"As much as I enjoy performing, doing the solo (shows) makes me extremely nervous," says the veteran performer. "You kind of feel the weight of bringing a full show that entertains. It's all on you, there's no one to back you up there."

Siegel takes the stage on his own for just the third time on Feb. 28 at Corks in Niagara-on-the-Lake, bringing a batch of Broadway, Billy Joel and Elton John tunes with him. He'll be joined by pianist Rick Young.

"I sbare a lot about my life and how they relate, or why they hit a chord with me," he says.

While he's quick with a funny story, many of Siegel's favourite songs are ones that cater to the "dark stuff" in his heart. At times, you'll wonder if this is the same guy who creates such bouncy, bubbly musicals.

Which he'll also serve up this month.

At old stomping grounds Oh Canada Eh in Niagara Falls, Siegel unveils his latest production At the Movies on Thursday for a two-month run. The energetic revue gathers cinema music from the 1930s to present day, and Siegel went out of his way to avoid musicals.

"Mostly it's the big soundtrack numbers," be says. "This was a bard show because there's a lot of movie ballads, when I wanted to go up-tempo. I had to dig to find some good up-tempo songs from each decade."

It's the second show Siegel has done for Oh Canada Eh since returning to the company last February.

After writing and performing in several musicals, he joined the Stratford Festival in 2011 for a production of Jesus Christ Superstar. It proved so successful it was revived for a run on Broadway the following year.

The new show stars the familiar Oh Canada Eh troupe of Brandon Stafford, JF Grenier, Meaghan Chapin, Louisa O'Keane, Sue Thibert and Jeff Ash.

For the oft-travelled Siegel, Oh Canada Eh is like a brief stopover home. This sumer, he's back on the road for the Drayton Festival Theatre.

"It's great to go back to the place where I started my career," he says. "It's like going back to a family reunion."

At the Movies began on Feb. 12 and runs until April 4 at the Oh Canada Eh Theatre, 8585 Lundy's Lane. Tickets start at $39.95 --show only—and $59.95 for show and dinner. Phone 905-374-1995.

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**Busy writer/singer Lee Siegel of Fort Erie performs at Corks in Niagara-on-the-Lake Feb. 28, and opened his new show at Oh Canada Eh, At the Movies on Feb. 12.**

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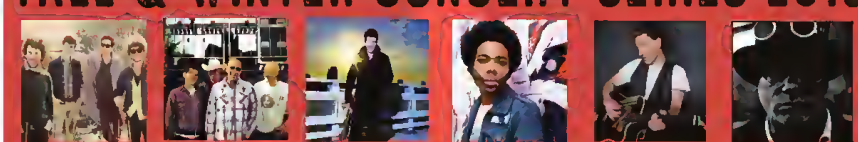

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# Dark mystery keeps audience guessing

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Garrison Little Theatre's latest production is sure to keep audience members on the edge of their seats.

Cat's Cradle, directed by Leslie Sands, is a noir thriller about an inspector who returns to a small town to solve the 12 year-old case of the disappearance of a six-month-old baby. When Inspector Frost, played by Rick Nigh, returns, he finds he is not welcome.

Frost is set to retire in a month and wants to tie up all loose ends, leaving no case unsolved. He teams up with a journalist to expose the dark secret about the disappearance of the infant.

The audience will soon learn something dark and sinister is lurking.

The show features a lineup of GLT veterans which include Nigh, along with Carole Ferriday as Peggy Fletcher, Dan Bennett as Sam Fletcher, Marie Hoyle as Miss Merton, Lily Groulx as Pamela Fulton and Mike Ceci as Sir Charles Cresswell.

Cat's Cradle is driven by the bitter wit of Frost, and Nigh walks the line between sleuthing to close the case for his own retirement and providing closure to the Fulton family. Yet the Fultons, Fletchers and Sir Charles Creswell refuse his interrogations as best they can.

Marie Holye as the retired and forgetful Doctor Merton despairs at her involvement in the going's on, never revealing the true nature. Hoyle carefully suggests that truth could be instead interpreted as senility, adding to the intrigue of the play.

Tesla Spoar and Dalton Bird are newcomers to the GLT, but adapt well into the group of veterans around them, and it is easy to see they will be around some time to become veterans themselves.

Nigh, Groulx and Mike Ceci standout as they carry much of the emotional attention of Cat's Cradle.

Set at Peggy Fulton's (Groulx) daughter, Sarah's (Spoar) wedding, the high spirits turn from excitement to tension at the arrival of Frost.

The GLT has fun with the quick witted dialogue even when it turns sour for their characters.

Nigh is a little tragic and comic as he deftly unravels the decade old plot while Ceci remains stoic as the figurehead of a wealthy family. As the events turn, GLT keeps up the pace so we can follow along and piece together the puzzle of Cat's Cradle.

Set design, by Chuck Jagielle, brings us to the foyer of a small family run hotel on the outskirts of London, England. It's purposefully quaint and homey, reminding us that this is a hotel in a small community where most people know each other and the bar is frequented more by locals than visitors. The hotel is more a home than a business and the people more family than community which is why the events of the wedding are so disrupted by Frost's insistence on the past.

When Frost requests Room Five for his stay, we can feel from Jagiello's set design that even after 12 years, not much has changed, and that's for the best, beautifully weaving into the themes of the play.

GLT could not be possible without the efforts of its community volunteers, including set decor by Holde Unverzagt, set construction and carpentry by Patrick Ferriday and members of the GLT, lighting design by Dan Bennett, costumes by Tania Remmler, sound by Siobhan Bennett and Jordan Loople and all volunteers of the GLT.

Cat's Cradle runs until Feb. 21. For ticket information visit online at www.garrisonlittletheatre.com.

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SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

**From left, Rick Nigh, Dan Bennett, Carole Ferriday, Tesla Spoar, Dalton Bird and Mike Ceci star in Garrison Little Theatre's production of Cat's Cradle.**


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**SARAH FERGUSON** Fort Erie Times

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# NHS rolls out teams to support patient safety

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

Think of it as a dedicated fast-acting team to improve patient care.

In one case, a person might be leaving an intensive care unit. There, that person has been getting one-on-one intensive, medical care.

Eventually, they leave the ICU for a ward with a lower-urgency of care.

"It's often a scary time for the patient and family," said Dr. Mike Christian, chief safety officer at the Niagara Health System. "It's also a high-risk time in terms of a transition point."

Now, a newly-created Critical Care Response team of a dedicated critical care nurse, respiratory therapist and ICU physician can follow the patient for at least two days after they leave the ICU.

"It's the same doctors and nurses that also work in the ICU, so it really builds a continuity of care," said Christian who is acting as the team's medical director and spoke in an interview.

"They can help the nurses in the ward better understand how that patient is," he said.

The provincial government, through the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network, is providing the NHS with more than $1 million annually make the system happen. It was officially announced at a Friday media event at the St. Catharines Hospital.

The NHS says the teams elsewhere have shown to improve patient outcomes and prevent death by identifying vulnerable and possibly physically declining patients in the hospital.

Without that intervention, some could end up in the ICU, or die.

Christian points to another scenario, where there's patient admitted to the hospital who then gets an infection or becomes sicker.

Before they become critically ill, nursing-observed early warning signs prompt a team call-in to stabilize the person.

He said education is another focus for the team. "A big mandate is to help support the nurses on the ward," he said. "They will go around, when not seeing new (consultations) or following-up on patients, they'll spend time working with the nurses.

"They'll help teach them, enhance their skills and support them in the work they're doing," he said. "This is particularly good for the new-grad nurses."

The team will add a total of 14 full and part-time critical care nurses. It will first be implemented at the St. Catharines Hospital, with the aim to roll it out to other NHS sites.

St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley, who attended the media event, praised the team introduction.

"This innovative approach to health care will benefit patients, family and staff," Bradley said.

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From left, Dr. Michael Christian NHS chief safety officer, Suzanne Johnston, NHS president and St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley at a Friday announcement of new Critical Care Response Teams inside the St. Catharines Hospital.

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For black history month, Lezlie Harper of Niagara Bound Tours visits to talk about the Niagara Movement, (forerunner of the NAACP). Fort Erie Public Library Centennial Branch. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### HOME SCHOOL

Library Club. Join with other home schoolers from the Fort Erie area for fun, educational, and library skill activities. This club coordinates parent-led, group activities for children of all ages. $2 per child or $5 per family.Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge Branch. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## MARCH 2

### TAX CLINIC

Eacb year, dedicated volunteers give of their time to complete tax returns for people (seniors, students, newcomers and others) whose tax situation is simple and whose income is low. You must make an appointment, and bring all necessary documents (a list is available when you register.) There is no charge for this important service. Fort Erie Public Library Crystal Ridge Branch. 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## ONGOING

### DROP IN SOCIAL

Drop in for a warm beverage, some lively conversation and occasional crafts and speakers every other Tuesday. 10 a.m. to noon. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road.

### KNITTING FOR KIDS

Ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute share their expertise and heritage in this free public program. They encourage all young people who would like to learn knitting to visit the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. They will provide all the needles and yarn needed—you bring your curiosity.

### KNITTING FOR ADULTS

Ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute share their expertise and heritage in this free public program. They encourage all adults who would like to learn knitting to visit the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you have needles or yarn, bring them along, but they will provide all that is needed--you bring your desire to learn!

### PARENT NETWORK

A monthly support group for caregivers of children, youth or adults with autism, a developmental disability, or mental health issues the last Wednesday of every month, 6 to 8 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road.

### DIABETES DISCUSSION

Topics to help people self-manage their diabetes. Mar. 5, 3 to 4 p.m. Keeping your Feet Healthy. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road.

### KEEP DIABETES AWAY

Nutrition and lifestyle management strategies to help delay or prevent diabetes. Tues. Feb. 24, Tues. Mar. 24, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road.

### SMOKE CESSATION

A two-week workshop designed to help you quit smoking, including a five week supply of nicotine replacement therapy to eligible participants. New enrollments are offered the second Tuesday of every month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road.

### WALKING GROUP

A weekly walking group every Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

### INCOME TAX CLINICS

Free Income Tax Clinics during the months of March and April. For more information, contact Mary Anne Feagan at 905-871-7621 ext. 2246.

### GROCERY STORE TOURS

Discover how to make healthy food choices, read food labels and shop on a budget. Call us to be placed on a waiting list. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

### GET COOKING

Learn basic skills to prepare quick and tasty, low cost meals. No cooking experience necessary. Feb. 26, Mar. 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Fort Erie Salvation Army or Crystal Ridge Community Church. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

### HEALTHY YOU

A monthly support group led by a dietitian for individuals who have taken the Healthy You program. Participants will build skills related to nutrition, healthy lifestyle strategies and ways to problem solve in challenging situations. Feb., 23 and March 30, 4 to 5 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgescbc.ca for more information.

### HEALTHY EATING

A registered social worker and registered dietitian team-up Wed. Mar. 11, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. to look at the importance of sleep in a person's overall health and well-being. From weight management, mental and physical performance to your ability to manage stress, learn about the role of sleep and how to get a good night's rest. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621 ext. 2234 or email info@bridgeschc.ca for more information.

## Ready to compete

Special to the Times

Neil Nicholls and Mike Baumann competed against 15 teams in the District 8-ball competition in Mississauga and won first place in their division and second place overall on Feb. 7. The duo will compete in the provincial championship on March 28.


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# Controversial call leads to Meteors' loss

**Cathy McCabe**
Special to The Times

The Fort Erie Meteors lost to the St. Catharines Falcons on Monday night after a controversial call in overtime.

The Meteors lost 3-2 after the Falcons' Tyler Morrison scored at 3:19 in overtime.

The goal was knocked off its moorings and the referees questioned for several minutes the time at which it was moved.

Rob Hubbert, Fort Erie Meteors coach, said, "Our guys deserved better. I thought the net was off the moorings there at the end, but (the referees) talked. We were not going to get the call. We were not going to get anything our way."

Hubbert said he asked goalie Liam Conway about the call and Conway said that he thought the net was knocked off before they scored. Hubbert said, "It is what it is."

In contrast, the Falcons were so certain they had won that they celebrated and left for their locker room before the goal was confirmed.

Hubbert said that he thought the Meteors played well, especially since St. Catharines had their full lineup and Fort Erie was missing eight players.

"I thought our guys were tenacious on the puck. I thought we took time and space away from them. We only had two defencemen in the lineup. Two defencemen—that's it and we had three guys from forward playing defence."

**CATHY MCCABE** Special to The Times
Fort Erie Meteors' Mackenzie Passero tries to steal the puck from St. Catharines Falcons' Manny Manns and Jake Evans

The Meteors lost another player when forward Wade Kenny slid into the boards in the second period. Hubbert said Kenny's shoulder was injured and he was taken to hospital.

Hubbert said, "We got a lot of injuries and we're hanging in there and our guys are battling and I give our guys full credit. I thought our guys were dynamite on the ice."

Liam Conway saved 37 of 40 shots on goal while the Falcons' goalie Ben Csiernik saved 23 of 25 shots.

Meteors' Vito Scaringi opened the scoring at 10:58 in the first period.

Devon Rymarchuk tied the game at 11:48 in the second.

After the Falcons' Manny Manns received a penalty for tripping, Fort Erie's Alex Hurran was given a penalty shot at 5:57 in the third. He was unsuccessful.

St. Catharines' Brandon Cercone scored a power play goal at 9:28

Then the Meteors came back to tie the game with a goal by Declan Conway at 12:02.

Fort Erie incurred 26 minutes on nine infractions. St. Catharines incurred 22 minutes on seven infractions.

The Meteors will play their last home game of the regular season against the Pelham Panthers on Feb. 21 at 7:15 p.m.

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## Municipal By - election 2015

**Notice of Election Information**

In accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996,* a by-election is being held as follows;

**One To Be Elected**

Councillor, Ward Two

**Advance Poll Locations/Times**

| Dates | Time | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday, March 19 | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement) |
| Friday, March 20 | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement) |
| Saturday, March 21 | 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement) |

**Voting Locations on Voting Day, Monday, March 30, 2015**
**10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

| Ward | Poll | Location | Address |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 200 | Royal Canadian Legion | 130 Garrison Road (Main Hall) |

**Institutions/Retirement Homes (for residents only):**

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|---|---|---|
| Crescent Park Lodge | 4 Hagey Street | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. |
| Maple Park Lodge | 6 Hagey Street | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| Garrison Place | 373 Garrison Road | 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |

### Voting By Proxy

An eligible elector, who is unable to vote at an advance poll or on Voting Day, may appoint a voting proxy to vote on his or her behalf. A person may act as a voting proxy for one eligible elector who is not a relative OR for one or more eligible electors who are relatives (specifically spouses or siblings of each other, parent and child, or grandparent and grandchild). Forms are available at Town Hall. The person who is being appointed as the voting proxy must come to Town Hall prior to 5:00 p.m. on Voting Day March 30, 2015 to have the appointment certified. Town Hall will also be open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015 for election purposes.

### Alternate Formats

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates and electors with disabilities are able to receive information and copies of election documents in a format that takes into account their disability. The format may be agreed upon between the requester and the Clerk.

Want to know more? Visit http: //www.town.forterie.ca

**Remember To Bring Identification With You To The Poll**

## ** TAX NOTICE **

**TOWN OF FORT ERIE**
**2015 INTERIM TAXES**

**FOR ALL PROPERTY CLASSES**

**FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

For further information regarding payment of taxes, please refer to the back of your tax bill.

**2015 interim tax bills were mailed on February 6, 2015**

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Gillian Corney
Manager of Revenue & Collections

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## ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS

Residents are reminded that **no overnight winter parking** is permitted in the Town of Fort Erie between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 1 through March 31 of the following year. The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be enforcing Traffic By-law No. 2000-89. **The fine for this offence is $40.00 and in addition, your vehicle may be towed at your expense.**

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Returning students MUST apply. Application forms are available on-line. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2015.** The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

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### Coordinator, Development Approvals

As a key member of Community and Development Services, you will support the development approval process by providing engineering and technical support in the review/approval of new developments to ensure compliance with Town requirements; preparing and administering legal agreements between the Town and developers/proponents and/or their agents. Specifically, you will coordinate the preparation/negotiation of Development, Site Plan and Subdivision Agreements and associated attachments and schedules, including comments and conditions from other Town Departments and outside agencies and prepare engineering comments for planning applications.

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Want to know more? Visit www.town.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall, then click on "Employment Opportunities". The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION CDS-15Q-WATER FLORAL WATERING CONTRACT

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is inviting Quotations for the watering and fertilizing of potted, hanging and in-ground floral displays in two of Fort Erie's business districts, including Crystal Beach and Ridgeway. Cost of fertilizer not included in this contract

Sealed quotations clearly marked as to contents and addressed to the Purchasing Department will be received by Customer Service Unit, Municipal Centre, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, **until 2:00 p.m. local time on:**

**THURSDAY MARCH 5, 2015**

Quotation documents are available for pick up the Community and Development Services counter and alternatively may also be obtained by contacting Bart Menage, Manager Purchasing and Finance Services, bmenage@town.fort.erie.on.ca or (905)871-1600 ext. 2303.

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie reserves the right to reject any or all submission and the lowest or any proposal will not necessarily be accepted.

**COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # FD-15P-BKGR14 FIREFIGHTER TURN OUT GEAR FOR FORT ERIE and OTHER PARTICIPATING FIRE DEPARTMENTS

This Request for Proposal for Firefighter Turn out Gear is being called by Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie on behalf of various participating Fire Departments within the limits of the Regional Municipality of Niagara. All participating agencies are requesting proposals from experienced and qualified proponents for the supply and delivery of structural firefighting protective clothing ensemble ("Turnout Gear") consisting of pants and coats designed for structural firefighting that meets National Fire Protection Association NFPA 1971-2013 Edition.

Sealed submissions addressed to Bart Menage will be received by the Customer Service Unit (CSU) at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON until

**2:00 p.m. local time on**
**THURSDAY MARCH 19th, 2015**

All formal and competitive bid opportunities are posted on the Town's Landing Page www.biddingo.com/forterie Forward requests for hard copy documents to Bart Menage at bmenage@forterie.on.ca or call (905) 871-1600 ext. 2303.

**The lowest of any submission not necessarily accepted.**

**Community and Development Services**
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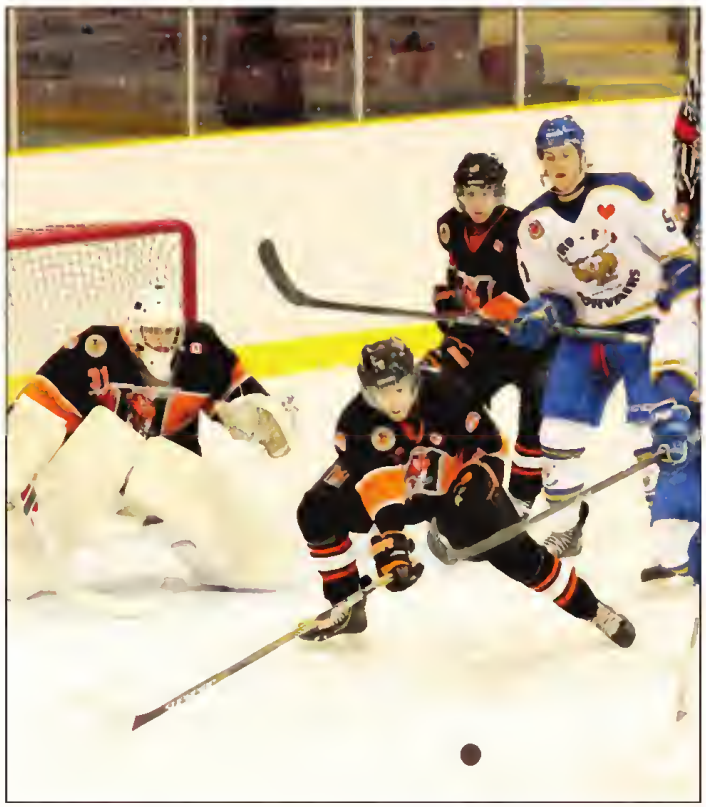

CATHY MCCABE Special to The Times

The Fort Erie Meteors try to prevent the Caledonia Corvairs from scoring on goalie Mackenzie Savard.

# Meteors 'played their hearts out' despite 3–0 loss to Caledonia

Cathy McCabe
Special to The Times

Injuries and suspensions prevented the Fort Erie Meteors from playing at their full strength Saturday at Fort Erie Leisureplex.

The Meteors lost 3-0 to The Caledonia Corvairs defeated the hosting Meteors in Greater Ontario Junior Hockey Legaue, Golden Horseshoe Conference action.

Meteors head coach Rob Hubbert said nine of players were missing from Saturday's lineup due to injury or suspension.

In spite of these challenges, Hubbert said he thought Saturday's lineup did a great job against the Golden Horseshoe division's "number one team."

"You have to give our guys full credit. We only had one defenceman left in the game. We had guys playing defence who have never played defence before," Hubbert said. "We deserved a better fate, 3-0. The guys played their hearts out."

During the game, the Meteors lost another player when Dan Defranco was injured in the second period. Defranco has a lower body injury and will be out of the lineup between seven to 10 days.

In order to defeat Caledonia, the Meteors needed to play a perfect game.

"We did (play perfect) early in the game, but they scored on their chances and we didn't score on our chances."

The Corvairs' power play was "brutal" and the Meteors had no chances to score.

"We didn't have one shot on the power play. You are not going to win games like that."

Caledonia's Tyler Lepore scored 16:10 in the first period with assists from Erick Delaurentis and Matthew Hore.

Cosimo Fontana scored at 2:03 in the second period, assisted by Mitch Purdie and Matthew Hore.

Fontana scored again at 7:17 in the third period with assists being credited to Ryan Moran and Connor Patton.

Meteors' goalie Mackenzie Savard saved 39 of 42 shots on goal. Corvairs' Marc Sinclair saved 14 shots on goal.

Fort Erie incurred 10 minutes on five infractions while Caledonia incurred 22 minutes on seven infractions.

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All persons having claims against the Estate of ALLEN VERNON BEAM, late of the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on the 10th day of December, 2014, are notified to send particulars to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of March, 2015, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim the undersigned shall not then have notice.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2015.

Allen Beam and Kimberly Grant,
Estate Trustee
by his solicitors
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## Legals

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the estate of Carl Nigh, aka Carl Howard Nigh, late, of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, deceased.

All claims against the estate of Carl Nigh, aka Carl Howard Nigh, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about September 9, 2014, must be filed with the undersigned personal representatives on or before March 19th, 2015; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2015.

Harry Nigh and Claude Winger –
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## Obituaries

**HOOVER, Colleen Blanche** - Colleen passed away surrounded by the love and support of her family at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 after a courageous battle with A.L.S. Beloved wife of Edwin. Proud mother of Tim (Leslie) Hoover, Wendy (Steve) Burgess, Ted (Sheleigh) Hoover, Cindy (Tom) Lloyd and Deb (Rick) Raye. She will be sadly missed by her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also survived by her extended family and many wonderful friends. Predeceased by her grandson baby Timmy and her brothers Jim and Jack Keys. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Saturday, February 7th from 11 – 1 p.m. Funeral Services were conducted in the Funeral Chapel at 1:30 p.m. If so desired, donations to A.L.S., the Salvation Army or to the Fort Erie Hospital Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

**MIDDLETON, Patricia** - Petricia wes born October 26th, 1946 to the Late Earle and Agnes Middleton. She passed away after a brave battle with cancer on February 10th, 2015 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital. She will be sadly missed by her long-time companion Julie. Lovingly remembered by her step-mother Marjorie, her siblings Robert, Susan, Faith Duncan (Arthur), Lori Gettinby (Jerry), and Tracy Van Loon (Bert) as well her many nieces and nephews. She will be sedly missed by the members of the Schofield family and her many friends. **WILLIAM FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Saturday from 12 noon until the time of service in the Chapel at 1 pm. A reception followed the interment at Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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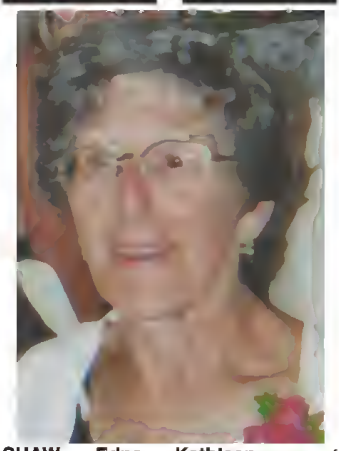
**O'Brien, Almeda (Cindy)** - It is with great sadness that the family of Cindy O'Brien announce her passing, surrounded by her family, on Saturday February 7, 2015. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years Michael William O'Brien. Loving Mother of Jack (Cathy Herbert) of Buffalo, New York, Corinne (Al) Giammattolo of Ridgeway, Ontario, Kevin (Cindy) of Augusta, Georgia, and Julie Metcalfe (Pat Chambers) of Ridgeway, Ontario. Grendmother of Eric O'Brien, Jennifer Bonito, Jesse Giammattolo, Michael Metcalfe, Abbey Metcalfe, Galen Kipar, Frieda Bay end Noah Kipar. Great-Grandmother of Jordan Bonito. Cindy was born in Batavia, New York in 1927, moving to Buffalo, New York, and eventually Ridgeway, Ontario in 1979. She was a member of Saint George Catholic Church. A memorial service will be held May 2, 2015, at St. George Catholic Church, 56 Ridgewey Rd., Crystal Beach at 11:00 A.M., with a private interment at a later date. Memorial donations may be mede to the Fort Erie Ontario SPCA. Arrangements entrusted to **Niagara Funeral Alternetives**, 905-894-0120.

**PEPPER, Shirley** - Shirley passed away on February 15th 2015 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in her 81st year. Beloved wife of the late George. Proud mother of Rod Pepper end Cindy Plato. Loving grandmother to Ryan Pepper, Kara Pepper, Jeffery Plato and Paul Pepper. Cherished great grandmother of Jade and Ashton. She will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Predeceased by her daughter Kimberly and her son John as well as by her siblings. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Friends and Family ere invited to a graveside service on Friday February 20th at 1 o'clock at Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

**THYRET, Donna** - Donna passed away at her home surrounded by the love of her family on Thursdey Februery 12, 2015 at the age of 69. Predeceased by her husband Earl. Proud mother of Robin Johns, Tammy Sumbler and Robert (Wendy) Higgins. Cherished grandmother of Tayna, Jessica, Andrea, Traci, Ronnie, Bradley, Kevin, Ryan, Tanner, Zachery, Zoe and Ashley. Sadly missed by her great grandchildren her siblings Ron (Sandy) Alderman, Richard (Donna), Gordon (Rachael), Raymond (Cathy), Judy and Jimmy, as well esmeny nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Predeceased by her son Michael and son in law Ron. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday February 17th from 10 am until the time of funeral service in the chapel at 11 am. Interment to take place in McAffee Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Poppy Fund of Br. 71 Royal Canadian Legion would be apprecieted by the family.



**SHAW, Edna Kathleen** - of Extendicare, Port Stanley and formerly of St. Thomas, passed away peacefully, on Saturday, February 14th, 2015, at the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, at the age of 83. Beloved wife of Thomas "Tom" Shaw and dearly loved mother of Rod and his wife Mary Shaw of St. Thomas, Kim and her husband Allan Hughson of St. Thomas, Randy and his wife Rozina Shaw of Richmond Hill and the late Tommy Shaw (1988). Cherished grandmother of Brooke and Kris Kewley, Emily and Scott Bate, Ali and Kris Harris, Matt and fiancée Miranda Ross and Adam and Amir Shaw and greet grandma of Kade, Klark, Keifer, Drew, Bryce, Kallan and Vayda. Dear sister of Ida Mae Kaltnecker of Fort Erie. Predeceased by a sister Dorothy Dobson and a brother Howard Hurst. Sadly missed by several nieces and nephews. Edna was born in Hagersville, Ontario on March 10th, 1931, the daughter of the late Wilmer Blake and Martha Jean (Nichol) Hurst. The family moved to Fort Erie shortly after. Edna was a long time employee of Sears in St. Thomas. After retiring she enjoyed travelling and antique collecting and was the proud owner of Kathleen Antiques. She was a member of the St. Thomas Curling Club for many years. Edna was an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Knox Evening Circle Ladies Group. Resting at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 45 Elgin St., St. Thomas where funeral service will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Mavis Currie officiating. Visitation at the funeral home on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Private interment in Union Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to Second Stage Housing or the charity of choice. Condolences may be sent to ahughson@execulink.com.

**SYKES, Lynda Alice** - Born August 28th, 1948 in Montreal QC to the late Ernie & Beulah Lorion, Lynda passed away in Niagara Falls, Ont. on February 12th, 2015 in her 67th year. Cherished mother of Elana, Robert (Julie), Jason (Allison) and Timothy. Loving grandmother of Emma Nicole and Robert Michael. Sadly missed by her brothers Michael and Nick and her sister Patricia. Also survived by her many nieces and nephews. Lynda was active in the community of Fort Erie end a faithful member of St. Paul's Anglican Church. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie, ON have been entrusted with arrangements. Friends and family are invited to gather at St. Paul's Anglican Church (Niagara Blvd and Gilmore Rd.) to visit on Friday evening February 20th, from 6-8 p.m. A service celebrating Lynda's life will be held on Saturday morning February 21st, at 11 o'clock at St. Paul's Anglican Church. In Memory of Lynda donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated by the family.

**WALKER, Elsie** - Born on February 16th, 1936 in St. John's Newfoundland and peacefully passed away on February 13th, 2015 at Crescent Park Lodge in her 79th year. Elsie is predeceased by parents Albert and Olive and son Keith. She is survived by her children Brian (Vera) of Fort Erie, Gary (Jenet) of Newfoundland, Charmaine (Norman) of Montreal and David of Toronto. Elsie will fondly be remembered by her grandchildren and family in Newfoundland. Private funeral arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, Ridgeway.

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## In Memoriams

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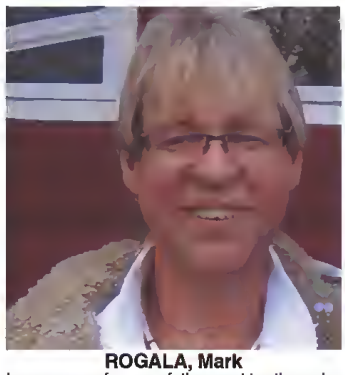

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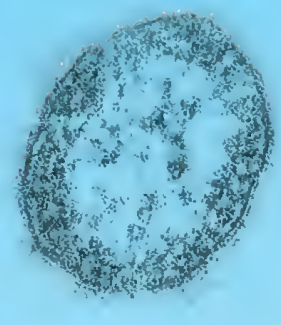
# The measles VACCINE



Measles is one of the most contagious diseases known to humans. It's so contagious almost everyone that is not vaccinated will get infected if exposed to the virus.

## How does it work?

**The vaccine is a live, but very weak (attenuated) version of the virus.**

- The vaccine replicates just like the full-on measles virus. It isn't enough to make you sick, although some may get a slight fever and/or a rash.
- The vaccine prompts your immune system to produce antibodies against it. Those antibodies then protect against the actual measles virus.

**In some people, this doesn't work. It's very rare, and no one knows why.**

After the first dose, 5-7% of people won't have a good enough antibody response to protect them. That's why everyone gets a second dose.

## What's in the vaccine?

**Most people get the MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella):**

- **Measles component: A live virus**
- **Mumps component: A live virus grown in chick cells**
- **Rubella component: Grown in lab dishes containing human lung cells**

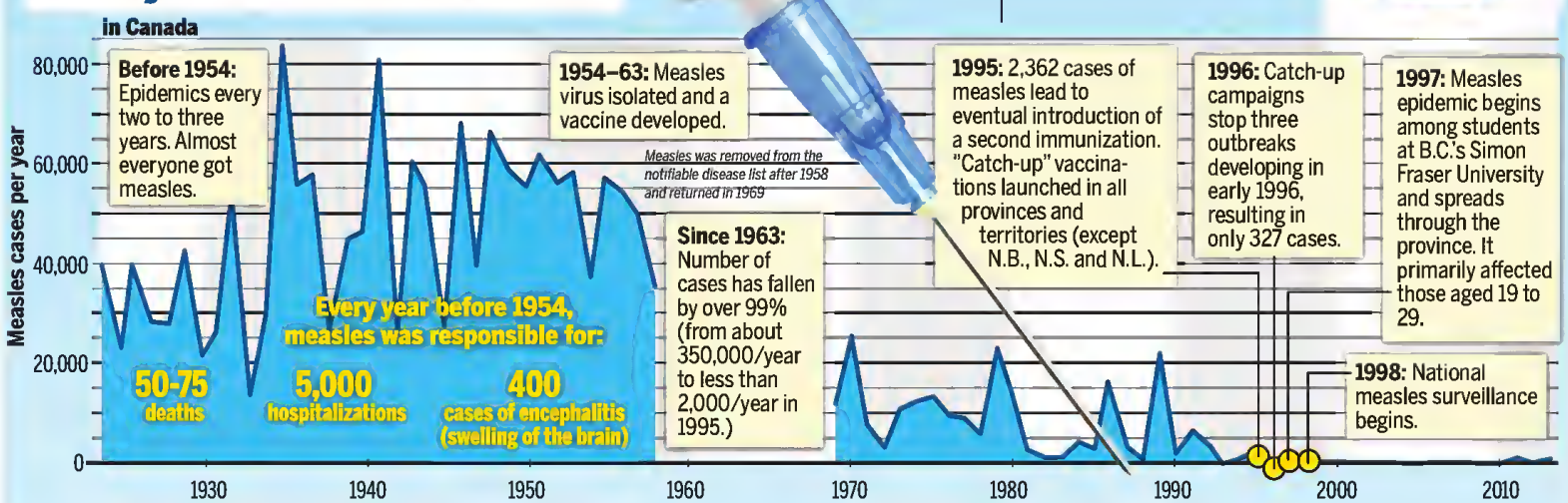
**Added to this:**

- Salt
- Vitamins
- Amino acids
- Fetal bovine serum (liquid part of blood from a calf fetus — less than one part per million)
- Sugars
- Albumin (human blood serum)
- Neomycin (Antibiotic; helps keep stray germs from growing)
- Gelatin (used as a stabilizer)

**145,700** people died from measles in 2013

*Did you know? The measles virus normally grows in the cells that line the back of the throat and the lungs*

## History of the measles vaccine in Canada

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